

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Original): A pump system comprising:  
a pump having an impeller and a drive source which are disposed in a pump casing;  
at least one pair of support pedestals which are symmetrically disposed on an installation surface for said pump; and  
a connecting mechanism for connecting said pump to at least one of an inlet passage and an outlet passage, said connecting mechanism being stretchable and contractible.
2. (Original): A pump system according to claim 1, wherein said connecting mechanism comprises:  
a pair of flange members disposed so as to face each other;  
a stretchable and contractible member for connecting said flange members to each other in a liquid-tight manner; and  
a relative moving mechanism for moving said flange members relative to each other so as to change a distance between said flange members.
3. (Currently amended): A pump system according to claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein said drive source is a brushless synchronous motor.
4. (Currently amended): A pump system according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein a liquid passage including said outlet passage has a siphon shape.